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OUTLINE OF THE SPEECH

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PART I

This part will entirely deal with:

- the analysis of the situation, with emphasis on the past military situation and enemy activities and go from there to the military situation and the enemy's plans and potential in 1972.
- the new economic and financial measures, the guidelines for the national economic development and the special efforts in the fields of the consolidation of the security and the local development (the Local Self-DEfense and Local Self-Development Program) in order for the various national development programs to be efficiently coordinated.

The purpose of Part I is to enable the People and the Combatants to understand thoroughly the situation and the Government's programs and especially to be reiterated in the last part in order to appeal to all the people and the combatants to join and devote all their efforts in implementing the above-mentioned programs and reach the desired targets, specifically those on the consolidation of the security and the increase in production...

PART II

This is the main part and will deal with the goodwill for Peace of

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the RVN and the Peace Initiative.

- Though it has to fight for its legitimate self-defense, the RVN, together with its Allies, has always shown maximum goodwill for peace through many initiatives and programs for peace and through many concrete proposals for a global solution to the war or for specific problems of an urgent and humanitarian character such as: the release of prisoners, the cease-fire...
- Recall the intention to maintain the goodwill for peace and implement the peace plan at any time the RVN is able to do so in spite of the negative attitude of the other side.
- Recall the pledge to the Nation during the Presidential campaign and in the inaugural message, i.e. in all the affairs of the nation the problem of restoring a Peace with guarantee for the people of SVN is still the priority problem, and I will not discard any opportunity which might be favorable and lead to the end of the war and the restoration of a just and lasting peace for the people.

<u>Announcement of the new initiative</u>

- Recall the July 11, 69 proposal on a political settlement in SVN to solve the war, restore peace by pacific, logical and constructive ways.
- Content of the new initiative in the problem of election, so as to complement the July 11, 69 proposal and clarify the problem

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of election in order to clear up any unanswered questions since the announcement of the July 11, 69 proposal. (What kind of election? To elect whom? When to elect? How to elect? Who will organize the election? Who will control the election? Who can participate in the election? Will the election be fair, free and democratic?)

- The principles leading to the above-mentioned election. (just a listing and not a detailed explanation)
- Emphasize on the legitimate fundamental rights of the Nation not to be infringed upon in this election.
- Emphasize that the new election is a political settlement to solve the war and to have a Peace with guarantee in which the people of SVN themselves have all the rights to determine in a completely free and democratic way their political future, free from whatever form of outside interference. There will not be a political settlement if these three elements are missing.

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PART III

This is the conclusion

- Carry out the promise to restore Peace.
- Make all the efforts to restore Peace.
- Ready to sacrifice personal situation for the great cause of the Nation and the most essential need of the people without infringing upon the supreme interests of the Nation.

- Still maintain the door to Peace open, and hope that our opponents respond immediately.
- Still await for our opponents to respond anytime, anywhere and through any means of communications...
- Ready to elaborate further through private or public talks in order to better clarify the problem.
- While waiting for the response and while maintaining the goodwill for Peace, appeal to all the people and combatants to join in the endeavors of economic development, increasing production, promoting export...

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The preceding are just the preliminary and general ideas envisaged for the content of the speech. Any essential changes will be forwarded in due time.

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